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In re Application of:

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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND CLASSIFYING ORGANISMS BY
MASS SPECTROMETRY AND DATABASE SEARCHING

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 7, insert the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

--Statement as to Rights to Inventions made under Federally Sponsored Research and Development.

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The U.S. Government may have certain rights in these inventions pursuant to contract number MDA 97296 D0002 awarded by DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency)--